



Happy Thanksgiving!



\$alary Negotiation Work\$hop



The Empire State Virtual Branch and the Westchester Branch presented the "Salary Negotiation Workshop" on Thurs. Nov. 6, 2014 at the College of Mount Saint Vincent.

Over 30+ students, including our Mentees, participated making this workshop educational and fun! The Wage Project Facilitators were Roli Wendorf, Maria Ellis and Adie along with Dr. Margaret Hughes, Assistant Professor of Philosophy.

Prof. Hughes and the students talked about the importance to be prepared to negotiate the best salary and benefits when ready to search for employment, negotiate and accept a job offer.



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A LETTER FROM THE EMPIRE STATE VIRTUAL BRANCH PRESIDENT, MARIA ELLIS



Dear Friends,

I would like to welcome the following members who have been appointed to our ESVB board: a) **Miki Noguchi**, International Director. Miki recently received her Master's of Public Administration in Development Practice at Columbia University! Miki is also AAUW's UN Representative and she was our speaker during our September Teleconf call. b) **Jan Lisa Huttner**, College & University Co-Director has started to reach out to the colleges in our area to promote our mission based programs and our new SWAN project, Support Women Artists Now! c) **Jenn Mayfield**, Cultural Director & Young Women's Task Force Liaison. We attend a YWTF event organized by AAUW, met many young members and we are looking forward to upcoming joint programs with AAUW's Young Women's Task Force YWTF. AAUW's YWTF is a movement by and for younger women to fight for social justice. YWTF is a diverse and inclusive group of activists, organizers, allies, and professionals that is both local and nationwide. Some of their issues include: Access to health care for women, Fair pay for women, Work-life balance, Equal access to education, Reproductive rights, An end to human trafficking & An end to violence against women.

Some of the Summer highlights of our monthly teleconference calls include talking about Title IX and Women Against Violence! Anne Hedgepeth, AAUW Government Relations Manager spoke to us about Title IX and Income Based College Loan Repayment. Also, Tina Jiwatram-Negron, PhD Candidate, Project Director/manager, Wings of Hope/Social Intervention Group shared with us her work on Women against Violence.

Our Mentoring Program at the College of Mount Saint Vincent continues to do well and we enjoyed a successful orientation and dinner event on September 18th. We hosted the AAUW NYS District V Conference on October 18, 2014 at the College of Mount Saint Vincent; and over 35 AAUW District V members and Meentes joined us at the conference. This event offered the ESVB the opportunity to feature our first SWAN (Support Women Artists Now) event. Thank you Jan Huttner and Joan Monk for such a successful event!

Also, our Fall 2014 \$mart \$tart Workshop was held on November 6th at the College of Mount Saint Vincent. It was well attended, over 30+ students and mentees participated in the \$mart \$tart workshop, a joint event with the ESVB and the Westchester Branch. We will continue to teach this workshop in the Fall and the Spring every year.

In closing, I would like to invite you to join us for our Holiday Party on Thurs. December 11th at the Harvard Club. We will start with dinner at 5:30 pm followed by joyful Xmas Concert performed by the all-professional choir performance from the Cathedral of St. John the Divine. The concert will include seasonal favorites in the splendor of holiday-decorated Harvard Hall. The cost for holiday party is \$35 all inclusive of tax and gratuity. Please email me to reserve your seat by Dec. 1st. Thank you!

Many thanks,

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2015 AAUW Conventions

The 2015 AAUW-NYS Convention
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Grand Island, NY
April 17-19, 2015
www.aauw-nys.org

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June 18-21
2015
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Explore Your
Opportunities:
The Sky's the Limit™
12th Year Conference
March 21, 2015
College of Mount Saint Vincent
Riverdale (Bronx), New York

The meetings will be held in
Founder's Hall at CMSV in Mastronardi Room B

Friday, 11/7/14, 1:30-3:30 pm
Saturday, 12/13/14, 9:30-11:30 am
Friday, 1/2/15, 1:30-3:30 pm
Saturday, 2/14/15, 9:30-11:30 am
Friday, 3/6/15, 1:30-3:30 pm (Mastronardi A)

Join us for the next planning meeting if you would like to get involved or know someone who you think could be part of our team. There are several interesting opportunities for Volunteers: Development (fund raising), PR (public relations) Contact Co-Directors:

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SAVE THIS DATE: March 21, 2015 for our twelfth Annual Explore Your Opportunities™ Conference at the College of Mount Saint Vincent to excite 7th grade girls about science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

You can help our conference for 7th grade girls, "Explore Your Opportunities-The Sky's the Limit!" when you order from Amazon .com by going through our website: www.aauw-eyoconference.org and clicking on the Amazon button at the bottom of the page. Doesn't cost you anything and we get a tiny percentage. Thank you!



Fall 2014 NEWS

The Younger Women's Task Force

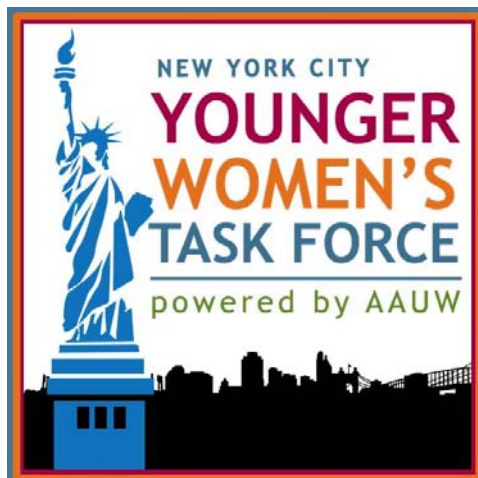


The Younger Women's Task Force (YWTF) is a section of AAUW devoted to women in their 20s and 30s. YWTF was first started in 2004, when Alison Stein noticed that she and her peers were aging out of college and youth-based women's groups but weren't quite clicking with the established women's movement and the organizations representing it. Stein went to her boss who happened to be the chair of the National Council of Women's Organizations (NCWO) for help organizing.

Within weeks, a network with women from around the country developed and called themselves the National Coordinating Committee for the Younger Women's Task Force. The next year, the committee held a summit for young women from 42 different states where delegates drafted an agenda and established chapters across the country.

In 2013, YWTF joined AAUW's network of organizations. YWTF offers younger women an important space to connect with the women's movement and social justice causes in ways that fit their busy lives and schedules. In New York City, we are relaunching YWTF NYC this winter. YWTF NYC was first established in 2005 and by 2011, it had over 500 members.

YWTF NYC is a diverse and inclusive network of activists, organizers, allies, and professionals that works together to fight for social justice and greater equity for all people, within the 5 boroughs and beyond. YWTF shares a lot of common interests and concerns with AAUW. In New York City, we are specifically focusing on student loan debt, pay equity, and ending gender-based violence this year.



For more information about YWTF, please visit aauw.org/membership/ywtf. For information about YWTF NYC, please visit our website, ywtf-nyc.aauw.net, check us out on Facebook at [facebook.com/YWTF.NYC](https://www.facebook.com/YWTF.NYC), and follow us on Twitter at [@YWTF_NYC](https://twitter.com/YWTF_NYC).

By Jennifer Mayfield, YWTF NYC Chapter Director and AAUW NYS Director of Cultural Interests and International Affairs

AAUW UN Day!



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The Empire State Virtual Branch (ESVB) was invited to the AAUW UN Day to join the international community in commemorating United Nations Day. U.N. Day is celebrated every year on the anniversary of the Charter of the United Nations for the purpose of gaining support for the United Nations and spreading knowledge of its work. The theme of U.N. Day this year is recognizing that the world's population is expected to reach 7 billion people by the end of the month. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon shared this message in

anticipation of the milestone: "Let us unite, seven billion strong, in the name of the global common good."

AAUW is working to support the U.N.'s initiatives and has recently partnered with the United Nations Population Fund on their 7 Billion Actions campaign. Laura Blyler, AAUW Program Manager and our speaker during the Empire State Virtual Branch teleconference call on October 28th reminded us that "AAUW has a long history of international engagement, including funding scholarships for women from 132 countries; hosting delegations to Israel, Cuba, and South Africa; and participating in coalitions with various international organizations. Some of the ESVB members who participated in the UN Day included Nancy Mion, AAUW NYS Past President, Maria Ellis, ESVB President, Miki Noguchi, ESVB International Director and recipient of the AAUW Career Grants and Kathrine Moreira, ESVB Mentee and UN Youth Representative.

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Fall 2014 NEWS

7 Facts You Didn't Know about Eleanor Roosevelt and AAUW



October 31, 2014

We're bragging here, but sometimes our history is just too good not to share. AAUW is proud to have called Eleanor Roosevelt a member, supporter, and friend. It is of course impossible to list all of the ways the famous first lady connected with us over the years, so here are some of the highlights.

1. She joined AAUW in 1929.



Eleanor Roosevelt attended the AAUW National Convention in June 1959. (From left) Mrs. W. Louis Moore, Eleanor Roosevelt, and Mrs. Ray Townsend.

As a young girl, Eleanor Roosevelt was educated privately, and her only formal education ended in 1902 when she left London's Allenswood Academy as a teenager. She did not attend college. However, AAUW membership was still open to her: The criteria had a special ruling that stated that membership was open to

women who had received honorary degrees from a list of approved colleges.

In her lifetime, Eleanor Roosevelt received 45 honorary degrees, the first of which came from Russell Sage College in Troy, New York, in 1929, when she was New York's first lady. This was the college's first honorary degree. At a speech granting her the degree, the college president called her "one of the ablest, most energetic, and most versatile women in public life today."

2. Her first speech to an AAUW audience was in 1929.



Eleanor Roosevelt attended the International Assembly of Women meeting in Kartwright, New York, in 1946.

At an event marking Armistice Day in 1929, Roosevelt addressed an AAUW audience for the first time. She spoke to

the AAUW New York City (NY) Branch. Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, as she was introduced, was also the guest of honor at the branch dinner, and according to the *New York Times*, "ha[d] just been elected to the membership in the AAUW."

In her address, Roosevelt urged the members to do everything possible to make "another war impossible." She continued, "The only real safeguard is what education can do to change the hearts of men, and I think that has to be done by women. I think that you are the women to do it."

3. She attended AAUW branch meetings throughout the country.



Eleanor Roosevelt holding Declaration of Human Rights in Spanish at Lake Success, New York, in November 1949. Photo courtesy of FDR Presidential Library & Museum, Flickr

From her home in the Big Apple to Oak Ridge, Tennessee, Eleanor Roosevelt attended and spoke at a variety of branch events across the country. Many of these are chronicled in her syndicated *My Day* column, which is available online courtesy of the *Eleanor Roosevelt Papers Project* at George Washington University.

4. Her close friend was an AAUW leader in New York.



Eleanor Roosevelt speaking at the dedication of the Roosevelt estate, Hyde Park, New York, as a national historic site. President Harry S. Truman seated behind Mrs. Roosevelt. Image via fdrlibrary, Flickr Creative Commons

Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt built Val-Kill cottage in Hyde Park, New York, near the Roosevelt family home. Eleanor lived there along with her friends Marion Dickerman and Nancy Cook. The three women also operated a business called Val-Kill Industries that employed local residents in furniture-making and handicrafts.

Marion Dickerman was president of both the AAUW New York City (NY) Branch and AAUW of New York State. She was active in state politics with the Democratic Party, serving as executive secretary of the women's division of the State Democratic Committee. In addition to being a political activist, Dickerman was also an educator; she served as vice president and principal of the *Todhunter School*, a private school where Roosevelt also taught.

5. She believed that women were written out of history.



Eleanor Roosevelt (left) and Esther Peterson laid the groundwork for the 1963 American Women report. Image courtesy of the National Archives and Records Administration

As first lady, Roosevelt held White House press conferences exclusively for women reporters because they were usually barred from the president's press conferences. In 1936, she invited Mary Ritter Beard, a historian and AAUW member, to speak about her efforts to write women back into history. This was on the same day that Beard saw her dream take

shape — the *World Center for Women's Archives*, a grand idea to collect and centralize the archival records of women's contributions to our world, held its first planning meeting.

Later that evening, Roosevelt and Beard visited AAUW's headquarters at 1634 Eye St. in Washington, D.C., and along with AAUW leaders they discussed the plan to gather historical materials relating to women. Roosevelt expressed surprise that women had not "tackled the writing of history in larger numbers than seemingly they have done" but applauded Beard's efforts to gather the documents necessary to do so. Both women expressed dismay that major U.S. history books at that time failed to mention a single woman.

6. She spoke at the AAUW National Convention in 1959 on the United States as a Democratic Leader.



Eleanor Roosevelt at the 1959 AAUW National Convention in Kansas City, Missouri

In her remarks to the convention audience in Kansas City, Roosevelt addressed the subject of the United States' position in the world during the Cold War era. She answered the question of why Americans should help developing areas of the world. According to Roosevelt, as leaders of the noncommunist world, Americans must understand the regions that have yet to be swayed to either democracy or communism. Americans needed a complete understanding of the native people, customs, and religions in order to better understand what democracy could offer to those nations.

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7. Eleanor Roosevelt and AAUW were a natural fit from the start!



December 14, 1961: President Kennedy establishes the Presidential Commission on the Status of Women to investigate the social and economic conditions of women in America. He appoints Eleanor Roosevelt as chair of the commission.

Visible in the photograph are AAUW members Rep. Edith Green (D-OR) and Marguerite Rawalt.

Eleanor Roosevelt had so much in common with AAUW. We both sought to find safe haven for refugee scholars during World War II, we both urged political leaders to appoint women to public office (and rejoiced over the appointment of AAUW member Frances Perkins as Franklin Roosevelt's Secretary of Labor). We were both also involved with the establishment of the United Nations and with John F. Kennedy's President's Commission on the Status of Women. And this is just the tip of the iceberg.

Thanks for the fond memories, Eleanor; you continue to inspire us!

For more information Contact Joan Monk, AAUW NYS District Director – 914 245 7704; ftmaven@gmail.com

Ask the President

What Is Social Media and How can AAUW branches benefit from using Social Media?



The Empire State Virtual Branch dedicated our October 28, 2014 teleconference call to "Social Media" and talked about the invaluable tools available for our AAUW NYS Branches including Facebook pages, Twitter accounts, Google Plus, LinkedIn, and Instagram.

Our special guest speakers were Alan Callander, AAUW Social Media Manager and Cyd Averill, AAUW NYS Communications Director. They both encouraged us to use social media to increase our community visibility; to network and share ideas with other branches and like-minded groups and Branches; and to keep in touch with members, supporters, potential members, AAUW national, and our state AAUW organization.

Please do not forget to visit our website: <http://empire-ny.aauw.net> and to "like" and "share" articles in our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/EmpireStateVirtualNY>

If you have questions about how to best use the social media tools, e-mail socialmedia@aauw.org.

College of Mount Saint Vincent Mentorship Program



Dr. C.S. Rani & her mentee
Hala Innabi
Visiting 9/11 Memorial

A conversation with Dr. C.S. Rani, ESVB Treasurer and her mentee, Hala Innabi.

According to Hala, the Mentorship Program at the College of Mount Saint Vincent has been a great experience. Her mentor, Dr. C.S. Rani, Computer-Science Professor,

teaches at the Borough of Manhattan Community College (BMCC) / CUNY. Some of their recent activities included "job shadow" at BMCC where Hala attended Dr. Rani's Telecommunications Networks class.

Also, they had fun outside the classroom, talked about Hala's goals for the year, visited 9/11 Memorial and Brookfield Place. In summary, they enjoyed each other's company and started a beautiful Mentor-Mentee relationship.



Dr. C.S. Rani & Hala Innabi Admiring the Can Construction Competition at the Brookfield Place



"Women, whether subtly or vociferously, have always been a tremendous power in the destiny of the world ..." ER

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Join AAUW NY/NJ in our first-ever **state-wide leadership** read via conference call. Mark the **3rd Tuesday of each month** for the monthly discussion of the book, **"Leadership the Eleanor Roosevelt Way" by Robin Gerber**. Project begins **July 15th, 2014 @ 7pm**. Lots of ways to participate – **individual/buddy system/team approach**. Gather a friend or two (or three) and share the conversation. Robin Gerber suggested the **'drop in' model** – sign up for the chapter/s that you are most interested in.

Chapter #	Title	Dates
1	Learn from Your Past	July 15, 2014
2	Find Mentors and Advisers	Aug 19, 2014
3	Mothering: Training for Leadership	Sept 16, 2014
4	Learning the Hard Way	Oct 21, 2014
5	Find Your Leadership Passion	Nov 18, 2014
6	Your Leadership Your Way	Dec 16, 2014
7	Give Voice to Your Leadership	Jan 20, 2015
8	Face Criticism with Courage	Feb 17, 2015
9	Keep Your Focus	Mar 17, 2015
10	Contacts, Networks and Connections	April 21, 2015
11	Embrace Risk	May 19, 2015
12	Never Stop Learning	June 16, 2015

Contact Joan Monk to join the conversation:
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**A conversation with
Lisa Maatz
AAUW VP
Government Relations.**

ESVB members and other AAUW friends had the opportunity to speak with Lisa Maatz, AAUW Vice President of Government Relations, at the Harvard Club in NYC recently. Over a delicious luncheon Lisa told us about her effective staff of nine, each of whom has a unique role in influencing legislation.

It was fascinating to hear about all the maneuvering, strategizing, working with political forces and more that resulted in the eventual passage, with significant additions, of the Reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). It was wonderful to realize that AAUW was a vital force and prime mover behind the successful campaign to have VAWA bills passed in the Senate and the House that eventually became the law of the land. Lisa sprinkled her discussion with the names of Senators, Representatives, lobbyist and others of influence with whom she was quite familiar.

Lisa told us she worked for passage of the first VAWA 20 years ago and each Reauthorization since then. The new VAWA incorporates the SaVE Act, which we lobbied on the Hill for at the last AAUW Convention in Washington. It address sexual assault on campus by requiring schools to make their campus disciplinary processes more transparent, to train and educate students as well as faculty and staff, and to update sexual assault policies. It also calls for gathering new statistics, starting this year, about domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. Lisa detailed for us the difficulties and triumphs in obtaining support in Congress for the inclusion of protection for Native Americans; lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender individuals; and immigrants. This was an uphill battle that was won.

We can be very proud of our AAUW's advocacy both in Washington and at your computer with the Two Minute Activist (<http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/two-minute-activist/>). AAUW also needs our financial support to successfully advocate, so consider sending a check to the AAUW Public Policy Fund or the AAUW Action Fund today!

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translate vision into reality."*

"Work is easier to carry if your heart is involved."... ER



Diversity Director, ESVB Mentorship Program at CMSV



Conversing on Diversity: An Exchange of Ideas Towards Conscious Transformation

Heidi Parreno
Diversity Director,
Empire State Virtual NY Branch
AAUW & Member of National
Diversity and Inclusion Task Force

During the Fall Season we have an opportunity to integrate cultural celebrations in our branch activities.

Starting in September, there are cultural celebrations of beginnings—both spiritual and secular.

Ganesh Chaturthi is a Hindu festival celebrated for ten(10) days marking the birthday of Lord Ganesh, the patron saint of arts and sciences and the deity of intellect and wisdom.

The mid-autumn festival, also called Moon festival, is one of the most important dates in the Chinese New Year. Traditionally, Chinese family members and friends will gather to admire the harvest moon and eat moon cakes. Eating moon cakes during this time is still observed in many part of the U.S.

The Jewish people celebrate important holidays in September: Rosh Hashanah and Yum Kippur. Rosh Hashanah remembers the creation of the world. It is a time for personal introspection and prayer and part of the process of spiritual growth. Yum Kippur, also known as Day of Atonement, is the holiest day of the year for the Jewish people. Its central themes are atonement and repentance.

Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar, a special time for over one billion Muslims throughout the world for fasting, inner reflection, devotion to God, charity giving and self accountability.

Diwali, the festival of lights, was celebrated this year on October 23rd throughout India, Nepal and Bhutan. It symbolizes that age-old culture of India that teaches humanity to drive away darkness that engulfs the light of knowledge. The strength of women is celebrated during this festival.

During the month of November we celebrate the Day of the Dead (El Dia de los Muertos).

From pre Columbian times, El Día de los Muertos, the Day of the Dead, has been celebrated in Mexico and other Latin countries and in the Philippines. This is a very special ritual, since it is the day when the living remember their departed relatives. The Day of the Dead is a beautiful ritual in which Mexicans and people from countries with Spanish heritage happily and lovingly remember their loved relatives who have died— Much like when we go to a graveyard to leave some lovely flowers on a tomb of a relative.

Sharing many facets of diversity that include cultural celebration hopefully will continue to spur our conversation on the Empire state Virtual Branch Facebook page.
<https://www.facebook.com/EmpireStateVirtualNY>

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Dr. Kristin Lawler, Former Mentorship Program Director; Mentors: Lorrin Johnson, Dr. Rani, Maria Ellis, Savi Alex & Joan Monk with Mentees celebrating the Mentorship Program at the College of Mount Saint Vincent!

AAUW NYS Summer Leadership Conference at Cazenovia College



Jenn Mayfield, ESVB Cultural Director and Maria Ellis, ESVP President are having fun at the Summer Leadership Conference with three future leaders from Jefferson County. These three students were sponsored by Jefferson County Branch and they attended the 2014 NCCWSL conference.



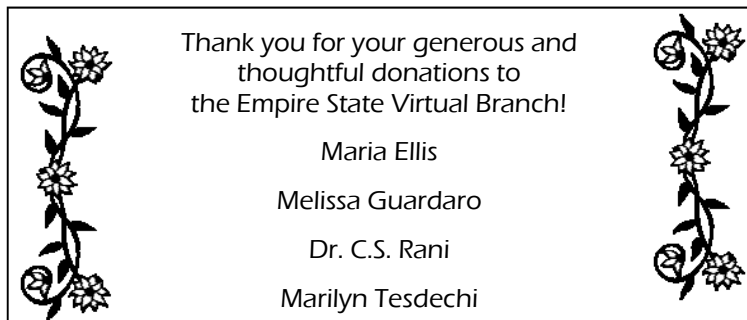
Contributions from AAUW members across New York State have provided many young women with scholarships to attend NCCWSL, the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders. This premier conference for college women provides a transformative experience for attendees, preparing them to be the next generation of leaders and change agents. Nearly 1,000 college women from every state and from around the world met at the University of Maryland, College Park in June 2014.

The Empire State Virtual Branch sponsored two students from the College of Mount Saint Vincent, Katherine Moreira and Kimberly Picon.



CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2014

Day	Date	Time	Event	
Tues	11/11/14		Veterans Day	Happy Thanksgiving! ***** Members interested in scheduling an event/meeting for the branch please contact the Program VP to reserve dates and confirm before publicizing the event/meeting. ***** Maria Ellis & Dr. C.S. Rani mellis@fsacap.com *****
Thurs	11/27/14		Thanksgiving Day	
Sun	12/07/14		Pearl Harbor Day	
Thurs	12/11/14	5:30 pm	ESVB Holiday Party at the Harvard Club. Dinner at 5:30 pm followed by joyful Xmas Concert performed by the all-professional choir performance from the Cathedral of St. John the Divine.	
Tues	12/16/14	7:00-8:00 p.m.	Empire State Virtual Branch Board Meeting (To join the Teleconference Call 712-432-0926 ; code 223128#).	
Wed	12/16-14/14		Hanukkah	Save the Dates: Nov. 15: Deadline to apply for AAUW American Fellowships Dec. 1: Deadline to apply for AAUW International Fellowships Dec. 15: AAUW Funds Contributions Report Forms Due Dec. 15: Deadline for Career Development Grants AAUW-NYS 2014-15 EYO Explore Your Opportunities Sat, March 21, 2015, 8 a.m.—2p.m. The College of Mount Saint Vincent AAUW-NYS Convention, April 17-19, 2015 at the Byblos Niagara Resort on Grand Island, NY NCCWSL 2015 & Graduate School Fair May 28-30, 2015 , the University of Maryland College Park, MD AAUW National Convention, June 18-21, 2015 , San Diego, California
Sun	12/21/14		Winter Solstice	
Thurs	12/25/14		Christmas Day	
Fri	12/26/14		Kwanzaa Begins	



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AAUW national dues are \$49, AAUW NYS dues are \$13.00, and the Empire State Virtual Branch dues are \$5.00. The branch dues year is July 1 to June 30, and if you join now, your membership is good through June 30, 2015. See the various memberships below and to join, please visit our website at <http://empire-ny.aauw.net/membership/>

- § Not currently a member of AAUW: \$67 (\$49 for national dues, \$13 for NYS; \$5 for Empire)
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